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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Selection of Sensitive
Foreign Intelligence Collection Operations

1. Section 1-303 of Executive Order 12036 requires that proposals for sensitive foreign intelligence collection operations shall be reported to the Chairman of the NSC Special Coordination Committee (SCC) by the Director of Central Intelligence for appropriate review and approval under standards established by the President. In addition, Section 1-306 of the Order requires that the SCC should also conduct an annual review of ongoing sensitive national foreign intelligence collection operations and report thereon to the NSC.

2. The standards for sensitive foreign intelligence collection operations which are to be reported to the Chairman, SCC, pursuant to these two sections of the Executive Order, are still under discussion among this Agency, the Department of State, the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice. I approved a standards paper in October 1978. The Department of Justice appears to have no major problems of substance with the standards, but does not agree with my position on reporting procedures. While awaiting resolution of this issue, the standards which I approved last October will be the basis for guidelines used to select those sensitive foreign intelligence collection operations to be reported to the Chairman of the SCC. Attached as an Annex is a copy of the October 1978 standards paper and annotations which I will use in making my determination as to whether or not particular intelligence collection operations qualify as sensitive operations.

3. In order to provide a viable mechanism to report to the DCI those sensitive intelligence collection operations which may be reportable to the SCC, the following procedures will be used:

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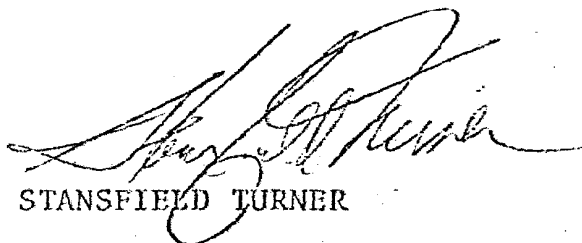
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(a) The Directorates of Science and Technology and Administration will be responsible for notifying the Deputy Director for Operations of any new or ongoing operations which they consider to qualify as sensitive, based upon the standards in the Annex and the appropriate annotations. The Operations Directorate is charged with judging the political sensitivity of these proposed operations.

(b) The Deputy Director for Operations is responsible for reporting to me those operations from the Directorates of Science and Technology, Administration and Operations which he has determined should be considered for reporting to the Chairman of the SCC.

4. All portions of this memorandum are SECRET.



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Attachment

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